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"AN ACT CONCERNING EXPENSES FOR HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS UNDER THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND."

- After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and internal references accordingly:
- "Sec. 501. Section 10-183ff of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2010*):
 - (a) Should any change or error in records result in any member or beneficiary receiving from the teachers' retirement system more or less than he would have been entitled to receive had the records been correct, then upon discovery of any such error the Teachers' Retirement Board shall notify the member or beneficiary affected and correct the same, and as far as practicable shall adjust the payments in such manner that the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which such member or beneficiary was correctly entitled shall be paid, provided if such change or error results in any member or beneficiary receiving less than he would have been eligible to receive, such member or

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15 beneficiary may elect to have such benefit paid in a single payment.

16 (b) If a member or beneficiary has been overpaid through no fault of 17 his own, and he could not reasonably have been expected to detect the 18 error, the board may waive any repayment which it believes would 19 cause hardship.

- (c) Upon determination by the Teachers' Retirement Board that any person has erroneously been included in membership in the teachers' retirement system, contributions and interest credited under the provisions of this chapter shall be refunded and records of related service voided.
- (d) Upon determination that the Teachers' Retirement Board has invoiced a member for the purchase of additional credited service in an amount in excess of that permitted by law, and such member has paid the invoiced amount, the amount of the overpayment shall be refunded to such member with interest at a rate equal to the average of interest rates for the most recent ten-year period from the date of the member's retirement to the date such amount is refunded.
- (e) Upon determination that a member has not purchased additional credited service which was invoiced to him in an amount in excess of that permitted by law, such member shall be given the opportunity at any time to make such purchase by the payment of the proper amount with interest to the date of payment. The additional benefit resulting from the credited service so purchased shall be made retroactive to the date of the member's retirement, and the aggregate amount of such additional benefit shall be paid to the member in a single payment together with interest calculated at a rate equal to the average of interest rates for the most recent ten-year period from the date each payment was due to the date such payment is made.
- (f) Upon determination by the Teachers' Retirement Board that a member received, on or after November 1, 2008, an estimate of benefits statement from the board that contained a material error, the board shall pay the member the benefits set forth in such estimate if the

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board determines that (1) the member could not reasonably have been 47 48 expected to detect such error, and (2) the member, in reliance upon 49 such estimate, irrevocably submitted (A) his or her resignation to the employing board of education, and (B) a formal application of 50 51 retirement to the Teachers' Retirement Board. For purposes of this 52 subsection, material error means an error that amounts to a difference 53 of ten per cent or greater between the estimated retirement benefits 54 and the actual retirement benefits to which such member would 55 otherwise be entitled."